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New York March Sees Arrests

Nationwide Pride Marches Draw Thousands

By Harold Pickett and Tony Domenick

NEW YORK CITY — An estimated 85,000 people participated on Sunday, June 25, in this city's Ninth Annual Lesbian and Gay Pride Day march. The demonstration this year was specifically designated a march rather than a parade, as in the past, to emphasize its political aspect — the demand for passage in the City Council of a lesbian and gay rights bill.

Groups and individuals from practically every eastern state assembled in Sheridan Square at 12 noon. At about 12:30 the march commenced, proceeding west on 4th Street, from Sheridan Square to Washington Square Park, on up Fifth Avenue. The march was officially led by the banner of the Christopher Street Liberation Day Committee (CSLDC) which organized the annual march and rally. It was followed by the banner of the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights (CLGR) an umbrella organ of about 50 groups seeking passage of the city council gay rights bill.

Following these banners were those of groups comprising the "women's lead contingent." Other groups marching represented a wide spectrum of social service, religious, professional and activist groups.

Police Arrest Marchers

At 33rd Street and Fifth Avenue there was a confrontation between about a half dozen marchers and police. A group called "Gay Walk For Freedom," which had been given permission by CSLDC to lead the march, were shoved by a police officer for not heeding his order to keep the march moving.

There were conflicting reports as to the reasons behind the incident which led to the arrest of two people. The two were given summonses and released within an hour of the arrest.

Martin Walker, chairperson of CSLDC, told *GCN* that the group which had been involved was "counter-productive" to the gay movement. Martin also denied the charges levelled by one member of the small organization that the Committee had instigated the police action.

As pointed out by Walker, the march up Fifth Avenue was in fact



Gay Walk for Freedom banner leads NY march . . .



. . . police discuss arrests with CSLDC members.

"illegal" because the route was taken without an official permit. Walker had previously informed the Police Dept. and the mayor's office of the Committee's intention to use Fifth Avenue, a symbol of power and prestige in the city. Police made no attempt to prevent or dissuade the marchers from using Fifth Avenue.

Koch Proclaims the Week

The rally, which began shortly after 3 p.m., opened with the reading of a proclamation by Mayor Edward Koch

declaring the week of June 18-25 as "Gay and Lesbian Pride Week," a first in the history of the city.

The proclamation recognized the "hundreds of thousands of homosexuals, lesbians and gay men" who "live and work in the city of New York," and cited the mayor's executive order, issued on Jan. 12, "which prohibits discrimination by city agencies against individuals based on their sexual orientation." It also affirmed the mayor's support of Intro 384, the City Council

bill to ban discrimination in "housing, employment, education and places of public accommodation."

Mayor Koch, who had been invited as a speaker but did not attend the rally, stated in his proclamation that people "should take pride in their own achievements, and sexual orientation does not determine personal worth, merit or virtue."

Lily Tomlin and Speakers

The receipt of a telegram from Lily Tomlin, who sent her "love," was announced to loud applause at the rally.

About 15 speakers addressed the crowd regarding the issues of the day and the perceived right-wing assaults on gay rights across the country. Betty Santoto and David Thorstad, spokespersons for CLGR, were notable in their speeches denouncing these assaults and urging increased efforts on behalf of Intro 384.

City Councilmember Ruth Messinger, a sponsor of that measure, marched to the rally along with members of Lesbian-Feminist Liberation. They urged increased pressure on council members to get the gay rights bill passed.

Messinger said, "A city which has always been in the forefront of human rights has no business allowing over one million lesbians and gay men to have to live in secrecy and fear."

Other speakers included representatives from the Village-Chelsea NAACP, Gay Teachers Assn. and Gay Youth.

Author Truman Capote had been announced as confirming as a speaker for the rally but reportedly cancelled a couple of days prior. Capote reportedly said he was "tired of doing gay things."

Gotham, Dexter, Jones

Entertainers included the musical group Gotham and cabaret singer Baby Jane Dexter. An unexpected sensation, of sorts, occurred with the surprise arrival of disco star Grace Jones.

The proceedings were interrupted for several minutes as crowds mobbed her car preventing access to the stage. Once on stage, Jones led the crowd in a frenzy of excitement. Some people, particularly a number of women, were

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Briggs Initiative Signatures Are Questioned as Illegal

By John Graczak

LOS ANGELES — Investigations are under way in response to charges of fraudulent obtaining of signatures for the Briggs Initiative. Complaints were received by the City Attorney of Los Angeles before Sen. Briggs submitted the petitions to the Secretary of State's office. The City Attorney submitted the complaints to the election officials in the same office. On May 9, Claudia Long signed an affidavit for the District Attorney of Orange County (CA), in which she claims to have participated in the fraudulent obtaining of signatures for the initiative.

According to Long, a copy of the voter registration lists and empty Briggs Initiative petitions were given to her by

Mr. Bill Crosby, whom she had contacted in response to an advertisement for work posted at California State University at Long Beach. Long was instructed to transfer names from the registration lists to the petitions, in such a way that she would list the residents of one side of a street before going on to the residents on the other side. Ms. Long questioned the legality of her work, and contacted the Huntington Beach Police Department. The police did not take a report, since they considered the matter to be outside of their jurisdiction.

Further charges of fraud came from El Camino College in Torrance. Students there reported that they were presented the petition for signature, but told by the signature collectors that the

petition was in support of "gay rights for teachers."

GCN contacted the Secretary of State's office in Sacramento, and spoke to William Durley of the election board. Mr. Durley confirmed that his office had received the complaint of Long and that other "widespread forgery complaints were received." According to Durley, Long's affidavit was the only specific and germane complaint that the office had processed.

According to Rich Mayness, an attorney in the same office, Long's affidavit had been referred to the District Attorney of Orange County for investigation. Mayness stated that no complaints had been received before the petitions

were filed. However, the press release of the City Attorney of Los Angeles commenting on fraud complaints was dated April 28, and the initiative petitions were filed on May 9. Mayness alleged that the affidavit of Long was the only complaint received that could be followed up by the district attorney. He said that other charges claiming that signature collectors had misrepresented the petition to signers by "saying that it was for highway improvements, etc." were missing the needed information such as specific names and dates for further investigation. Officials following the investigation in the District Attorney's Office of Orange County were not available for comment.

News Notes

BRYANT DOES DO DAMAGE

NEW YORK — Gay rights opponent Anita Bryant and Adolf Hitler have "done the most damage to the world," according to a poll in the July issue of *Ladies Home Journal*. The magazine surveyed 800 junior and senior high school students from New York, Florida, California and Colorado. The results also indicated that Abraham Lincoln and Eleanor Roosevelt had "done the most good for the world." Former President Nixon and Bryant are the people who "make them angriest" and Bob Hope and Carol Burnett bring "the most laughter to the world." The students were also asked to which famous person they would give a prize for achievement in certain fields. The winners were: peace, Anwar Sadat; statesmanship, Henry Kissinger; sports, Bruce Jenner; art, Leonardo Da Vinci; music, Elvis Presley; literature, Shakespeare; medicine, Dr. Jonas Salk; science, Albert Einstein and religion, Billy Graham.

JOHN GAFFNEY INJURED

PROVIDENCE — John Gaffney, Director of the Civil Rights Division of the Providence Human Rights Commission and a top gay activist in Rhode Island, was severely injured in an auto accident last week and needs Type O Negative blood immediately. He is in critical condition at the Intensive Care Unit at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence. Donors can contact Rev. Marge Ragona at (401) 272-9247.

KENNEDY ATTENDS BYRNE FUND RAISER

BOSTON — Sen. Edward Kennedy (D.-Mass.) was a featured speaker at a 1200-a-plate fund-raising breakfast held June 19 for the re-election campaign of Suffolk County District Attorney Garrett Byrne, who handled the so-called Revere sex cases.

The breakfast was attended by former assistant D.A.s from Byrne's 47-year tenure in office. In response to a Boston Globe story reporting that Sen. Kennedy and Boston Mayor Kevin White, both former Byrne assistants, planned to attend the breakfast, the Massachusetts Caucus for Gay Legislation organized a letter-writing campaign objecting to their support for Byrne. More than sixty letters were sent to both Kennedy and White. As of June 28, Sen. Kennedy had not answered the letters. Mayor White sent a reply to those who had written him. [see letter on p.4]

DEMO AGAINST LEGAL CODE

BOSTON — The Boston Coalition to Stop 1437/6869 has announced a non-violent demonstration to be held in front of the Kennedy Federal Building on July 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. against the proposed federal criminal code revision currently before Congress as Senate Bill 1437 and House Bill 6869. The proposed code is more favorable to minority sexual practices than current federal or most state laws, such as those in Massachusetts, but many provisions of the bill are seen as seriously weakening civil liberties in general. For more information on the bill or the demonstration, call Mitch at 661-6130.

The demonstration is backed by Black Rose, an anarchist caucus well-known for the annual lecture series it sponsors at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Black Rose has endorsed the Boston/Boise Committee and invited the participation of Boston/Boise and other gay-oriented groups and individuals in the July 5 demonstration.

HARRINGTON WILL NOT RUN

BEVERLY, MA — U.S. Rep. Michael J. Harrington of the Sixth Congressional District last week announced his intention not to seek re-election to a fifth term. Harrington was the first member of the Massachusetts congressional delegation to sign on as a co-sponsor of the federal gay rights bill, and has intervened often on behalf of gay causes in several agencies, including the Navy and Labor Departments. The often-outspoken legislator cited personal reasons for his decision.

State Rep. James E. Smith (D-Lynn), a sponsor of Massachusetts gay rights legislation for the past three years, is one of three announced candidates for the Democratic nomination.

DISCRIM. BILL WITHDRAWN

SAN FRANCISCO — A bill that would have prohibited employment discrimination based on sexual preference was recently withdrawn from the Senate Finance Committee at the request of California Human Rights Advocates. SB2053 would have also provided protection against sexual harassment on the job.

California Human Rights Advocates lobbyists Steven Badeau and Lisa Katz said the bill was not heard due to a lack of votes. Katz attributed the loss to Proposition 13. "No way is the Finance Committee going to vote for more staff positions to hear gay discrimination cases when they're cutting back everywhere else."

Badeau explained the strategy behind the withdrawal. "If we were to bring the bill to a vote, it would have created bad publicity in the form of another loss for the gay community. By allowing it to fizzle quietly, the straight media won't think it's a big deal."

California Human Rights Advocates plans to return next year with a package of legislation including a bill similar to SB2053.

WIFE BEATERS BUSTED

NEW YORK CITY — The New York City Police Department has agreed in an out-of-court settlement to arrest wife beaters. Seventy-one women, who said they had been beaten by their husbands, had filed a suit in 1976 accusing the police and the administrative department of the city's family court of unlawfully denying them assistance after they reported beatings. The reformed law, which is a reversal of a long-standing practice, is contained in a 1000-word consent judgment signed by the city's corporation counsel, for the Police Department and by lawyers for the women. Laurie Woods, a lawyer for the women, said, "This is the first official recognition by any law enforcement agency in New York that wife assault is serious and pervasive."

DISCO FIRE MAY BE ARSON

NASHVILLE, TN — Fire hit a gay disco here on June 12 and the suspected cause is arson. David McDonald, bar manager of Warehouse 28, said the fire started between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. According to Steve Smith, a stockholder of the bar, "We left about 5 a.m. and then at 7 a.m. we received a call from the fire marshal. I guess the fire started about 6:30."

The fire apparently began near the rear entrance, causing a small amount of structural loss to the building. Damage estimates are not complete, due to extensive smoke damage. The arsonist, investigators said, started the fire by means of gasoline which was ignited near the back door. No one was injured.

ERA EXTENSION MARCH

BOSTON — On Sunday, July 9, there will be a processional march in Washington, D.C., supporting the extension and ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. This march is sponsored by the National Organization for Women. Participants are urged to dress in white. Transportation and accommodations are being arranged by the Boston Chapter of NOW. Reservations for transportation and accommodations must be made immediately. For reservations or more information call 661-6015.

RUN-IN AT H.E.W.

WASHINGTON, DC — The League of Women Voters staged a "run-in" protest last week at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare office charging that sex discrimination is rampant in the educational system. The women's rights coalition and 32 other organizations accused Joseph A. Califano, Secretary of HEW, of delaying the enforcement of a six year old federal law favoring sex education in classroom courses and in school sports.

Under the 1972 Title IX Amendment to the education law, all schools which receive federal funds must provide equal educational opportunities for men and women or they will lose those funds. The National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education charged that more than 150 sex discrimination cases have been entangled in government red tape for about eight months.

STREET VD TESTS

BOSTON — The Boston Gay Health Project is launching a new program of free VD testing on the street to begin in mid-July. On Saturday, July 15th and every second Saturday after, the medical van operated by Bridge Over Troubled Waters will be found at specific locations in Boston near popular gay bars, where people will be able to have blood tests for syphilis and cultures for gonorrhea done free of charge.

The Gay Health Collective emphasizes the need for sexually active men to have routine VD tests every three months. This need to keep track of one's sexual health is important, since 90% of the time, oral and rectal gonorrhea are without symptoms. At this time these on-the-street services will not be provided at lesbian locations since the service offered is VD testing and VD is not a major problem among exclusive lesbians.

This project is co-sponsored by three organizations. The Gay Health Collective of Boston (at the Fenway Community Health Center) will do the testing, Bridge Over Troubled Waters is supplying the van, and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health will provide supplies and lab work. (Gay people are also invited to take advantage of the Bridge van Monday-Friday evenings at Harvard Square or Park Square.)

The times and locations of the Boston Gay Health Project van will be publicized next week. Confidentiality will be assured. Test results will be posted and published by number in *Gay Community News*.

TEXAS GAYS ORGANIZE

DALLAS, TX — A five point legislative plan was introduced at the Texas Gay Conference V recently. The plan outlines how present Texas law, which criminalizes homosexual conduct, "will be repealed and how Texas gays will prevent discriminatory legislation from passing in the upcoming legislative session."

The plan calls for "continual identification of human rights supporters in all regions of Texas," building coalitions with groups of "traditionally under-represented persons and with person who support our push for equality," a comprehensive communications network aimed at involvement with local lawmakers, establishment of an Austin office and a lobbying team.

The Texas Gay Task Force is planning to spend \$25,000 to implement the plan. In a statement explaining the legislative effort, the group said, "We will not sit back and wait to see what certain interest groups and their lawmakers have planned for us. Texas lesbians and gay men are on the move."

VOELLER AND ACLU

NEW YORK, NY — Dr. Bruce Voeller, Co-Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force, has been asked by the Nominating Committee of the National Board of Directors of the American Civil Liberties Union to be one of the 19 nominees running for 14 positions on ACLU's National Board.

Dr. Voeller, a long time member of the ACLU, said, "I'm deeply honored by the Board's consideration of me. The ACLU has led legal efforts to secure equal protection for lesbians and gay men in such diverse areas as custody and visitation rights, free speech, the rights of gay groups on campuses and in jobs." Voeller said "It will be a pleasure to serve on the Board, if elected, especially as to the best of my knowledge there is not presently an openly gay person on the National Board."

CAMPING OUT

ORANGEVILLE, Ont. — "Living as a Gay Person Today" will be the theme of a week-long encampment, Aug. 20-26, at Unicamp, located about 40 miles northwest of Toronto in the Blue Mountains of southern Ontario. Unicamp is a camp and conference center of the Unitarian-Universalist Church.

Leader for the week will be Mary-Lib Whitney of Syracuse, N.Y. Program will include topics like exploring relationships, breaking down the barriers, celebrating our lives, exploring our sexuality, etc.

Cost of the conference, including room and board, is \$125 (Canadian funds), including a non-refundable registration fee of \$31.50. To register or for more information, write: Unicamp of Ontario, Inc., 268 Aberdeen Ave., Hamilton, Ontario L8P 2R3, Canada.

Dykes Against Nukes

Gay Voices Raised at Seabrook Protest

By Jim Marko

SEABROOK, NH — Among the demonstrators who staged a legally sanctioned rally against nuclear power here on June 24, were a number of lesbians and gay men. Nearly 20,000 people gathered at the site of the Seabrook plant. The space was provided to the demonstrators in a last-minute agreement with state officials.

Observers at the demonstration, which was handled by the Clamshell Alliance, noted a gay presence. Gay and lesbian activists carried signs which read "Dykes Against Nukes" and "Gays Against Nukes."

Leaflet Handed Out

Gay activists Allen Young and Dennis Helmus handed out leaflets which spoke to the issues of "Sexism and Environmentalism" and anti-gay attitudes in the anti-nuclear movement.

The leaflet pointed out that although the danger of nuclear power may be apparent to everybody gathered at Seabrook, people should "think about what kind of society this will be if Anita Bryant and the growing forces



photo by Ken Rabb

Lesbians rally against Seabrook nuclear power plant.

being mobilized by a powerful, wealthy and disturbingly pro-right-wing continue to mount up victories."

The leaflet called on the demonstrators to "explore the connections between the rapist, the authoritarian

father, the wife beater and the fag baiters on the one hand, and on the other hand, those who seek to dominate nature with overly complex 'mad scientist' technology, the wasteful consumption of natural resources, the contempt for 'lesser' species, and the idea that 'men' and their machines will always provide a solution to everything."

Not All That Well-Received

Dennis Helmus told GCN that there was difficulty getting the message of the leaflet read. It was finally presented early in the morning of the second day of the demonstration.

"Most of the women who were handed the leaflet responded positively on the whole," Helmus said. "Many men tended to ignore it, though, and just put it in their pocket."

Dykes Against Nukes

Helmus also noted that during the reading of a statement by the group "Dykes Against Nukes," many men in the crowd responded negatively.

The statement from that group, which was joined by "Women Against

Nuclear Power," was drawn after lesbians and feminists met in the "women's space" at Seabrook.

Calling nuclear power a feminist and lesbian issue, the groups called the struggle "against the rape of our earth by rich, white males . . . the same as our struggle against the rape of our bodies and the rape of our lives."

Clamshell Attacked

The statement from the lesbian-feminist groups stated that the "complex, centralized, profit-oriented solar collector, or the hierarchy of Clamshell" was not moving toward an improvement over nuclear technology.

"We women who are the primary child raisers must teach our children not to dominate the earth, but to live cooperatively with it. We must start from birth to look for ways to get rid of sex roles which encourage our boys to be overpowering and our girls to be passive. We must not let our fear of homosexuality keep us from this task. We reject the overbearing male ego's love of elitism and power," the statement said.

Law Students Have 'More Tolerant' Attitude to Gay Rights

SAN FRANCISCO — The future judges and attorneys who will deal with gay rights — today's law students and most particularly women law students — seem to have a more tolerant attitude about the rights of gays to teach school children than do current judges and school principals. On the other hand, a substantial minority of them accept common stereotypes about gays. These were among the findings of a national study conducted by Joshua Dressler, Associate Professor of Law at Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota. The complete results will be reported in *Journal of*

Homosexuality, a San Francisco based psychology journal, this December.

Dressler's study indicated that many myths about gays and homosexuality are accepted by a substantial minority of heterosexual law students (who compose 92% of the law school population). Among the findings was that 12 percent of the students believe that most homosexuals are "mentally ill" (and another 19 percent had no opinions), and 24 percent believed that most gay males are "obviously effeminate." Another 22 percent believe that legalization of sodomy will "substantially increase the frequency of homo-

sexual conduct." Regarding the charges of Anita Bryant, only 9 percent of the students believe that gay teachers will make more sexual advances upon children than will heterosexual teachers. Seventeen percent had no opinion. On the other hand, 13 percent agreed with Bryant's claim that the mere presence of a gay teacher will cause increased homosexuality among children.

On the other hand, only 4 percent of the students favor discharge of a gay school teacher. This conflicts with a 45 percent figure by high school principals (according to a recent *McCall's* poll).

It also is more liberal than the Supreme Court of Washington which recently permitted discharge of a teacher for being homosexual. Other results indicate that a majority of law students would not fire a teacher for conviction of a consensual adult homosexual act.

Another finding of the study was that about 40 percent of the students report having had gay teachers in their youth. It was also noted that heterosexual law students had exactly the same percentage of such teachers as did gay students.

Boston Community Holds Second Annual Town Meeting

By Pat M. Kuras

BOSTON — On Friday June 23, at Faneuil Hall, the lesbian and gay community of Boston held its second annual Town Meeting, which culminated this year's two-week Pride celebration. Chaired by Joe Interrante and Kathy Travers, representatives from organizations within the lesbian and gay community delivered three-minute-long speeches; however, some speakers over-ran the time limit.

Addressing an audience of over 200 people, two dozen speakers highlighted their groups' individual efforts for lesbians and gay people, as well as their organizations' needs for money and added energy. The organizations that were represented touched on political, educational, cultural, health resource, religious and publishing segments of the community.

David Drolet, of Mass. Caucus for Gay Legislation, began the evening by endorsing Rep. Barney Frank in the incumbent's bid for re-election. He also urged lesbians and gay men to register to vote. Tom Reeves, of the Boston/Boise Committee set the tone for the evening when he stated, "There are no queer queers when it comes to rights."

Ariadne Kane discussed Outreach Foundation's "professional counseling service for those having difficulty dealing with cross-dressing, gender roles and gender identity." Outreach, a national organization, also provides social events.

Joe Miller of the Committee for Gay

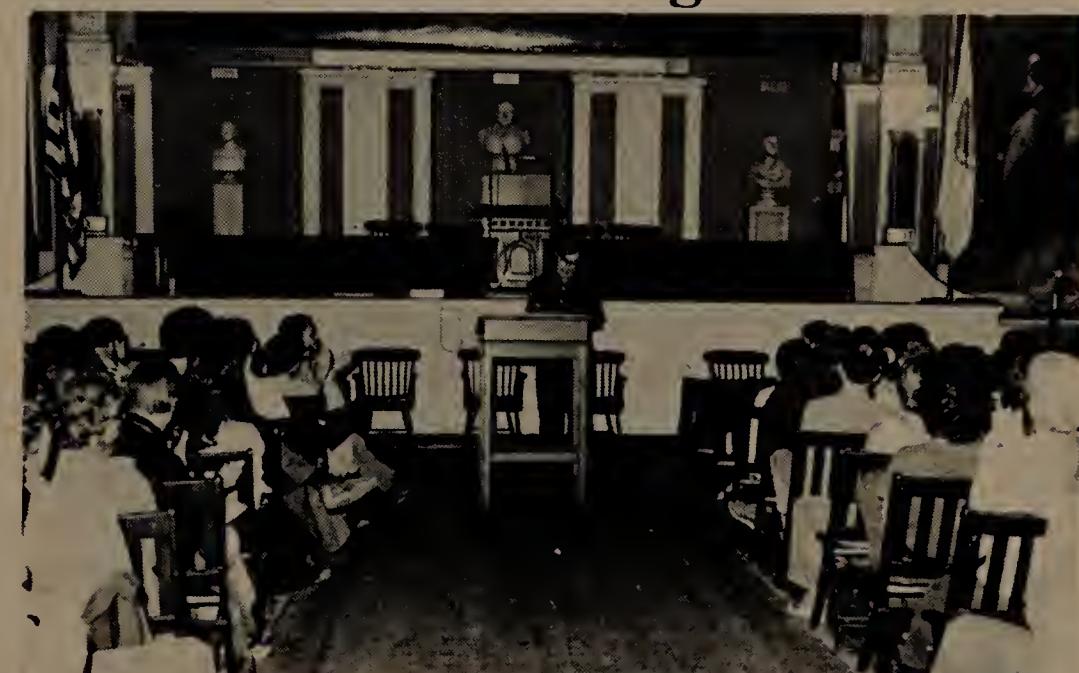
Youth gave a recounting of the "sources of oppression" for Boston's gay youth, ranging from ostracism by older gays to police brutality. His speech was followed by a gay teenager who spoke about "Out Here," a group which provides social events and supportive discussions for gay youth.

Stephanie Byrd commented on a workshop from earlier in the week that pertained to racism and the gay community.

On June 21, a workshop on racism was held in the gay community at St. Phillip's Parish House on Warwick Street. According to Byrd, two people who came to "discuss racism" were in the minority — they were white. During the last four years, she said, there have been similar workshops for everyone to come and discuss strategies for combatting racism.

At this year's workshop, three demands were issued. The workshop called on the *Gay Community News* to make "it a policy to include reports of racial discrimination in the paper on a weekly basis." The workshop urged that after three such reports to GCN, a "boycott be announced" of the offending establishment. The workshop also demanded that: "The relentless persecution of third world gays and lesbians by our white counterparts cease."

Oppression of lesbians and gay men in health fields was expressed when Ron Vachon, of the Gay Health Collective, commented that "there isn't a



single out gay physician in New England" Sue Rosen, director of the Homophile Community Health Service, spoke of confronting Massachusetts' "mental health bureaucracy [which] does not provide services to gay people."

Ed LeBlanc, of Dignity, discussed the complexities of being gay and Catholic, while a representative commented on Am Tikva's weekly meetings "to share elements of being Jewish and gay." For its Boston chapter, Ed Hougen spoke of MCC's "special ministry to the gay community."

Representatives of GCN and *Fag Rag* gave short speeches on their publications. Speaking for *Boston Gay Review* and *Good Gay Poets*, Charles

Shively reminisced "building a gay consciousness in 1972. He concluded. "The future is with us . . . The most important dialogue is between ourselves. Despite our vast differences, in talking to one another we gain our strength and cannot go back into our closets."

General discussion after the speeches centered on voter registration information and an interest in having Town Meetings occur more frequently. Tome Reeves urged that we "deepen our movement" and unite, rather than criticize one another for our diverse styles within the community. In closing, he suggested we hold more open forums to "listen to ourselves and start hearing each other."

speaking out

Candidates for Governor in Connecticut

For the last month a coalition of women's groups (including the Conn. Gay Task Force) has been interviewing the various candidates running for Governor in the State of Connecticut. The basic question asked by the CGTF was, "Do you support legislation amending current statutes to include a prohibition against discrimination on the basis of sexual or affectional orientation?" Follow up questions varied depending on who was doing the asking and how the candidate answered the first question. The following is a brief outline of the answers received, as compiled by Dai Thompson.

LEWIS B. ROME, Republican. As expected, State Senator Rome said he had supported Connecticut's Sexual Orientation bill in the past [he has] and in all probability would do so in the future, essentially because he feels it is a basic human rights issue. He did indicate, however, that he was not comfortable with the issue. When asked by Chris Pattee about why he was uncomfortable, he launched into a rather strange speech about how he sees a strong handshake as being a sign of manhood, even though he admits that his daughter has a firmer grip than any of his sons. Basically, it seemed to boil down to the fact that he is uncomfortable around effeminate men and would not like to see his sons taught by someone from whom they might pick up certain gestures or patterns of speech. He could see, however, that his attitude was a product of unfair prejudice about which more education is needed. As a possible solution, he suggested we contact Channel 24 about doing a two-hour special addressing the reasons for such prejudice and thereby hopefully educating people like himself out of it. He also indicated he would support administrative changes and funding to help eliminate the discriminatory treatment of gay inmates in Somers state prison.

RONALD SARASIN, Republican. In answer to the basic question, U.S. Representative Sarasin said yes, it is important to eliminate all forms of discrimination. However, when asked by Chris about his affirmative vote last year on the McDonald Amendment, he replied he just didn't remember the vote. He also expressed concern that such legislation might create new problems, including those dealing with affirmative enforcement. Nor did he know what he would do, as governor, to help secure the passage of a gay rights bill. He said he needed to know more, particularly because he had not seen discrimination against gays as a problem.

ROBERT KILLIAN, Democrat. Lt. Governor Killian felt he could not fully support gay rights legislation because of his personal "hang up" about gays in education which he fears would lead to a "potential of proselytizing" and the easy acceptance by children of a gay lifestyle. When questioned further, he became very nervous and said it was very hard for him to deal with the issue at all; he simply had a "gut reaction" against it. He indicated, however, that he would be willing to discuss gay rights with us at some future point. He further stated that he suspected he would sign such a bill if it were passed by the General Assembly after appropriate study and deliberation.

community voices

homans not confused

Dear GCN:

I do not propose to reply to "Mitzel's" polemic in the June 24, 1978 issue in his terms but merely to set forth the truth as to two matters referred to him.

He states that when I was asked whether the Boston/Boise Committee was a "civil rights" group, I was unable to identify it as such and goes on to say, "us queers apparently even confuse good ole Bill".

Mr. Meserve asked me whether it would be fair to say that I knew the Boston/Boise Committee as a Civil Rights Organization to which I responded: "The name Civil Rights Organization — I can't really express an opinion one way or another."

My understanding of the Boston/Boise Committee is and was an organization put together to respond to a specific series of occurrences in specific ways, namely, giving support to the defendants, giving assistance to the "victims" and,

if possible, raising funds to assist all of the defendants in their defense. To me, being a one-shot organization, it did not resemble typical and permanent gay rights organizations, or, for that matter, organizations such as NAACP, SCLC and the like. If its members thought differently, I certainly was not prepared to contradict them, which is why I stated that I could not "express an opinion one way or another."

I was asked the question as to why I thought it was my business to call Chief Justice Bonin and another and warn them away from the Boston/Boise benefit. It was my business because I knew that Chief Justice Bonin did not know that this was a fund raiser for specific defendants who would appear in his court. The public would see him as contributing money to assist those defendants. I therefore felt it was my obligation to let him know of the fund raising aspect. If all that I knew was that Gore Vidal was speaking on "Sex and Politics in Massachusetts", I would have felt that it was good that a judge of whatever court was interested in hearing a well-known speaker discussing matters to which the judge was not routinely exposed. As to the other public

figure, he had had enough bad publicity all this winter and spring and I felt that he could well get the same unfair treatment from some parts of the media that gay people themselves got over and over again.

Finally, as to my "confusion" about "queers", I recently attended for the purpose of supporting that person, the "wedding" of a very close relative of mine. I had no confusion then and had no confusion when I testified.

Sincerely yours,
William P. Homans, Jr.
Boston

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white responds to brill

(The following letter was sent to GCN political writer David Brill by Boston Mayor Kevin White in response to a request that he not attend a fundraising event for District Attorney Garrett Byrne.)

Dear Mr. Brill:

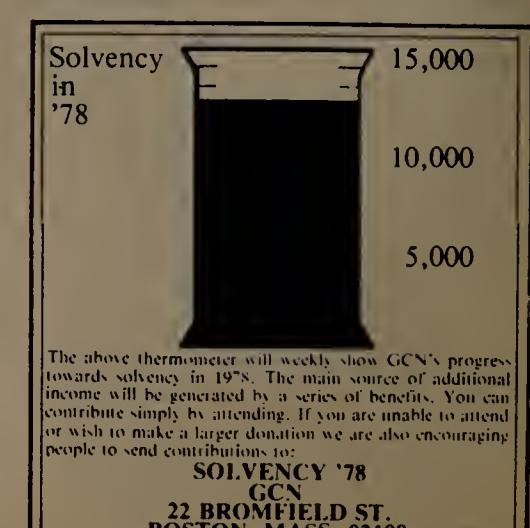
The *Globe* story indicating that I would attend District Attorney Byrne's fundraiser was in error. On June 19, I was in Atlanta participating in the annual meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

I respect your views, and I assure you that my commitment to the civil rights of all Boston residents remains as strong as ever.

Sincerely,
Kevin H. White
Mayor of Boston

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HAL misses fair

Dear GCN:

Just a note to clear a few things out of my mind. First of all I enjoy your newspaper and appreciate the work you do but I'm finding all the news on the homophobic events around the country outweighing the positive information you print and I'm ending up more depressed than uplifted after reading your publication. Could you search for more uplifting news for us newly out of the closet HALs?

Let me explain HAL to you. For a long time I've disliked the word GAY. To me it's frivolous and not in keeping with my frame of mind. I agree with the playwright James Kirkwood who was quoted in this month's issue of *Christopher Street* as saying, "To me, the term 'gay' is a complete misnomer. I don't like it, don't like to hear it used. There must be another word invented or substituted — and soon. 'Gay' is just too goddam frivolous to describe anything of seriousness in this life on this planet, not only at this time but at any time in the past. 'Gay, my ass!' is the only thing that comes to mind when I hear the word used in that context." I have substituted HAL for GAY. HAL meaning Humans of an Alternative Lifestyle. It suits me.

The last thing I'd like to mention is my disappointment at traveling an hour last Saturday to attend the HAL Pride Week Fair at the Fenway only to find it not existing. It took me quite a number of years and lots of balls to make a mental commitment to get involved with the movement and show up at a public rally. When I got there at 12 noon and searched for several hours I finally found someone who explained that the HAL Businessmen's Association had backed out at the last minute.

After all the money we've poured into their pockets over the past 10 or 20 years maybe we ought to give them a message and boycott the bars. I have never been much of an advocate of the radicals but I'm reaching the point where militancy is looking good. I'd be interested in other readers' views.

Sincerely,

David L. Atkinson
Milford, Mass.

bridgewater prisoner

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The ward we're on is A-1, the people here are
gone.

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on the lawn.

The sun is always shining, there's never any
shade.

And when you're feeling lonely, you can always
cop a blade.

Bridgewater, Bridgewater,
We think you're out of sight.
We're coming back next summer
with a case of dynamite.

We get up in the morning, we go to bed at night.
They give us pills three times a day to make us
feel alright.

The doctors are pathetic, the social workers, too,
They pass commitment papers out, and you can
get one, too.

Well now I must be going, this song has gone too
far

But just remember when you leave,
you won't know who you are.

David DeCosta, age 19
MCI Bridgewater
Bridgewater, MA

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license to oppress

Dear Editor:

One would think after the long and public denunciation of 15 Lansdowne's discriminatory door policies, which was part of their financial collapse, that other, newer establishments might regulate themselves with credence toward the history of their peers. Darts, Boston's latest entry into the gay male disco scene, is proof that history is simply a matter for books.

On Tuesday, June 20th, at an hour just before the nightly crush, I and my lover and two women entered this popular bar to encounter a situation we did not expect. A steady line of patrons were entering. No one was being stopped. In fact, as we opened the door a solid flow of men were moving into the bar greeted with nods of hello. Not so for us. As we approached, a velvet cord dropped resolutely in our path. No explanation, save a warning (about ten minutes after we had already waited) that the wait was going to be "real long. Half an hour, maybe twenty minutes. We're twenty people over-limit." Another worker, tapping a now silent cash register intoned sharply: "Get against the wall! So people can get by." No one was coming out; certainly no one was going in. The man I was with informed the doorman in quiet but certain terms that we would endure the wait.

And we waited. One man, on leaving, asked what was going on; why weren't people getting in? He got no answer except the sharp prick of a discernibly high tension. Undaunted, we waited still longer and were finally let in.

What came immediately to our attention was the "over-crowding" that had caused our wait. The dance floor had ample room for another dozen partners, a few seats remained empty at the bar, the risers were filled but not overflowing and the back room had a countable clientele (about 15 people give or take those who came in and out).

And more: The woman's bathroom was locked. Another couple (male/female) known by one of the people in our group, said they had encountered the same reception. The excuses. The wait.

One particularly irritating part of the experience was the deceit, the ability to be honest about their (Darts') wants. A male attempting entry into Saints, a well-known women's bar, will be told they're not welcome, that they must, by law, be served one drink; but it is a woman's place and men are not encouraged to stay. It may be

discriminatory but it is honest on all accounts.

I see little chance of an effective boycott of this situation, let alone a more vocal demonstration. We have weakened from the strain of Dade County and now the Revere trial draws the attention of those who would normally help out. Small infractions gain low-priority and such are ignored by most.

Where do we turn when gay people are given the license to oppress as they choose?

Sincerely,
David Holland
Boston

keeping an eye out

Dear GCN,

There are two matters which are of concern to the gay community which I would appreciate your considering at this time.

1. Anita Bryant will be accompanying a Virginia evangelist (I believe his name is spelled Jerry Fallwell) on a pilgrimage tour of Israel with a church group of homophobes in the fall (I believe in October). I therefore request that you make some effort to contact whatever gay rights and women's rights groups you may be aware of in that country so that they can make arrangements to welcome this rabble in a manner which befits them. In view of her statements on the position of women and her view that the Jews will burn in hell (though she says that doesn't make her happy — she's so great-hearted) as expressed in the *Playboy* interview of some months ago, this should be of interest to other Jewish groups in Israel as well!

2. An advertisement for "The Gay Way" (T.G.W. Service P.O. Box 189, Malden, MA.) a gay couple matching service has appeared in the *Village Voice* newspaper for some months now and has recently stopped advertising. I was wondering, since they are in your neck of the woods if you could do an article on them and find out if they are on the up and up (there is a personal concern here as well since I sent them money and have heard nothing in a week!) If legitimate I feel they are really doing something that is very needed and laudable.

If they are not legitimate I feel that the gay community has a right to know who they are and where the money went and be warned of these people in the future.

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Pride Marches Nationwide

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reportedly offended by Jones' "sexy" costume, and the singing of her hit record "I Need a Man."

'Sexist and Racist'

The rally did not move along as smoothly as organizers might have liked. Ivonne Elias, a Hispanic speaker, was offended that she was not scheduled to speak during the first part of the program. Charging the rally with being "sexist and

A speaker for Gay Youth echoed similar charges and was angry that youth were not given a more prominent position in the first part of the rally. In one outburst, he attacked Grace Jones calling her "a bitch" who was there "flaunting her sexuality."

Approximately \$2500 was collected at the rally in Central Park. About \$1000 of that will pay for this year's remaining expenses.



Photo by Stephen Kuleke

Christine Riddiough, co-chair of the Gay and Lesbian Coalition of Chicago, one of the speakers at the rally held at the Richard J. Daley Center in Chicago's Loop

racist," she announced that she would not speak.

Martin Walker of the Committee told *GCN* that to characterize CSLDC as "a white, middle-class male dominated committee is bullshit." He added that 50% of the rally included women, blacks and Hispanics.

Freedom Day in San Francisco

According to official police reports, an estimated 300,000 lesbians and gay men attended the 9th Annual Freedom Day Parade in San Francisco. The parade, which was sponsored by the Pride Foundation, raised \$10,000 to oppose an anti-gay voter

initiative on the November ballot. [See story on Briggs Initiative, this issue.]

Harvey Milk, City and County Supervisor, was the keynote speaker at the rally following the parade. Milk called on President Carter to speak out on the issues of human rights for gays. He appealed to the gay community to confront Carter on the issue at a demonstration in Washington, D.C. on July 4, 1979.

Houston Rallies

In Houston, Francis (Sissy) Farenthold, once a candidate for governor in Texas, compared discrimination against lesbians and gay men to the Holocaust. She spoke to some 3,000 persons at a gay rights town meeting.

Farenthold told the crowd, "Many people remember the yellow Star of David worn by persecuted Jews, but few recall the pink triangle forced upon European homosexuals at the time of the Holocaust."

3,000 in Chicago

On Sunday, June 25, 3,000 marched through Chicago streets. Valerie Taylor, a lesbian author and an anti-war activist, spoke on the relationship between the gay movement and other minority social groups in this society.

Harry Hay, founder of the Mattachine Society, spoke to a rally about the changing of role models and upgrading of the gay image in society.

Providence's Small March

Only 32 people marched through Providence to the city's Kennedy Plaza last week. Rev. Marge Ragona, minister of the MCC, told *GCN*, "It's easy to get lost in the crowd with thousands of people, but with 30 you can't get lost."

Ragona added that "people are frightened to come out here because they might lose their jobs."

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By Nick Olcott

NEW HAVEN—Over sixty lesbians and gay men and their straight supporters formed an informational picketline in front of the office of New Haven Mayor Frank Logue on June 22 to protest Mayor Logue's statements in local media that New Haven needed no gay rights ordinance because "there is no discrimination against gay people" in the city. Gay rights supporters distributed leaflets, prepared by the New Haven Coalition for Gay Pride Week, which documented gay oppression in New Haven and other parts of Connecticut. The picketline also explained Gay Pride Week, and picketers wore tee-shirts bearing the pink triangle and the message "Support Gay Rights". Picket signs bore messages ranging from "Closets are for clothes—not for love" to "I am a militant homosexual".

The picketers also called attention to Mayor Logue's anti-ERA action in attending a conference in Georgia, even though that state has not passed the Equal Rights Amendment. Logue has claimed to support the ERA but traveled to Georgia for a governors' conference, although pro-ERA groups had called for the governors to refuse to attend. Rev. Magora Kennedy, an ordained Baptist Minister who is openly gay and attended the rally, declared, "Our Honorable Mayor didn't even have the good sense to stay at home and boycott Georgia. I really don't think he wishes to be re-elected."

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Parallels in Discrimination Noted at Anti-Nazi Rally

BOSTON — Over 200 people, including a number of lesbians and gay men, gathered in Copley Square on Sunday, June 25, to protest Nazi marches in Chicago. The rally, sponsored by the Boston Committee to Challenge Anti-Semitism, called for an end to discrimination against all minority groups including gays.

Gay Discrimination Noted

Although gay people were not organized as a specific group at the rally, many lesbians and gay men did attend to protest recent actions of Nazis in Chicago. A Jewish lesbian, who wished

not to be identified, told GCN that "half the women at the rally are lesbians." "Many of us," she continued, "are in the Jewish lesbian group which meets at the Cambridge Women's Center. There is a lot of support for us in the group. The group is very aware of racism, sexism and power struggles within the group. The main principle of unity is to combat anti-Semitism."

Several speakers stressed the need for unity between Jews and other minority groups in combatting Nazism and anti-Semitism. The six speakers were from various ethnic and political

backgrounds.

Bryant's Campaign

Susan Page, a black woman who two years ago suffered a number of violent encounters after having moved into a predominantly white neighborhood, called the rally's attention to the attack against gay people led by Anita Bryant. Page called the Bryant campaign a "peaceful electoral campaign" which has led to job loss for gay people, and to physical attacks against gays.

Kevin Joyce of the Irish Republican Club drew a loud response from the crowd when he stated that the Nazis

should be declared an "illegal organization."

A Survivor Recalls the Horror

Zelda Liebling, a survivor of a Nazi forced labor camp, recalled her experiences in Nazi-occupied Poland. Liebling described the moment she witnessed her sister shot and killed in the camp, and her own subsequent escape. She told the rally of the 10 months she had to spend hiding in a cellar with her husband and ten other people. Many in the rally audience were moved to tears as they gave Liebling a standing ovation.

Philadelphia Newspaper Defends 'Offensive' Column

By Tommy Avicoli

PHILADELPHIA — Protesting what they call "the offensive way in which Pete Dexter and the *Daily News* editors have dealt with rape and violence against women," some 14 representatives of this city's gay and women's communities met with that paper's editor, F. Gilman Spencer; Managing Editor, Zachary Stalberg; reporter Carol Wallace; and columnist Pete Dexter. According to Pat Albright, a member of Wages Due Lesbians, a group instrumental in coordinating the protest, the *Daily News* "didn't agree to anything concrete," except another meeting.

The protest came as a result of an article by *Daily News* columnist Pete Dexter in which he reported on a public forum held at the University of Pennsylvania's Houston Hall, on violence against women. The forum was sponsored by Wages Due Lesbians, and the Philadelphia Wages for Housework

International.

In the article, Dexter recounted how he had been "thrown out" of the auditorium because the forum was for women only. Conference organizers claim that in their press release they specified that men would not be allowed in, and requested newspapers send women reporters. When it was explained to Dexter that he was being asked to leave because women found it difficult to talk about rape in front of men, he wrote: "I looked around the room and couldn't see anybody I remembered raping. As a matter of fact, if they were looking for rapists, there were a couple of their own people who looked more experienced than I did." He also reported, in the article, that there were only 30 women present at the speakout, and that one of the main speakers apologized to him over the phone for the low turnout.

In responding the Dexter's column, Mary Hawryshkiw of Wages for

Housework, denied there were only 30 women present, and that one of the main speakers had apologized.

In a second column — following a stream of protest letters — Dexter replied "May Hawryshkiw asks why I wrote there were only 30 women . . . when there were at least 50 . . . Where I wonder, could 20 missing heads have been at a meeting of lesbians?"

The protesting group has presented three demands to the *Daily News*. The group asked that Pete Dexter be fired, that a space be provided by the paper for a regular feature on women's fight against rape and violence, and that women be paid to write this feature.

Daily News Editor F. Gilman Spencer, quoted in the paper, said of Dexter

that he was responding to "being shut out of a meeting that he thought he should have been allowed to cover. I think the column has to be read with a sense of humor." At the meeting with community representatives, Spencer said the paper would apologize for Dexter's remark about the "20 missing heads" at the meeting.

Support for the action against the *Daily News* came from groups as far away as Boston and New York City. The Boston supporters included Red Crisis Center and the Women's Community Health Project. Local Philadelphia groups supporting the protest included the Eromin Center, Sister Space, and Women Against Graphic Violence.

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lifting our arms
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—Fran Winant

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On a Forced Vacation in New York

By Nancy Walker

It seems like forever since I last wrote anything for this beloved and labored newspaper, so I should like to share with you a couple of things that I observed while on a forced "vacation" in New York. I had to have an operation, and my mother, through both concern and Jewish guilt, decided to dash up from her condo in Florida and "take care" of me, post op.

Oy vey, she took such good care of me that I needed a rest-cure (still not had, of course) to recuperate from her solicitations. Now, Mother is clued-in about *GCN*, gay liberation, my highly irregular lifestyle and even my turtle. She is a card carrying member of NGTF, so she's cool, but after my father died, she, being incurably heterosexual, married again.

The new husband is a very good-natured, hard-working thoroughly decent individual who couldn't in a million years understand how his precious wife managed to hatch a dragon like me, so we keep my scales covered and my mouth shut to protect Mother. While I was in New York a *GCN* was delivered to his house, and mother watched the mail slot like a hawk in order to spirit that "plain brown envelope" away before he got a chance to wonder what the initials meant. I had to lock myself in the john in order to read the paper.

Why didn't I "do a number" on him? That would make a whole long, very serious article. But the meat of it would be simply that I would rather be humanly right than politically correct. I have found that there are times when

it pays to pull out all the stops, and times when all that does is hurt people. Despite some of my more or less obvious blunders in print (I agree with most of what my critics said in regard to articles I did some time ago about the New York police on television, and the lesbian resource book *Our Right to Love*), it is not my intention to cause pain, and I avoid doing so whenever I can.

Among the most interesting things I ferreted out was, oddly enough, an obituary. I do not normally read death notices unless I'm hoping for the miraculous and timely demise of a conveniently rich and distant relative, but the name on this one caught my eye because it was the same as a very dear friend of mine. As I read, I became more and more interested because it didn't say "beloved husband and

tionship had been acknowledged in an area that had always seemed totally closed to and unmindful of us.

Well, all good and all bad things finally do come to an end, and last Sunday, June 18, my lover and I got on the bus from New York to Boston. In the seat directly in front of us, a woman, at least in her sixties, sat on the aisle. Across from her sat a young man whose conversation with the woman revealed he was a sailor and a native Californian.

The woman was blessed with insatiable curiosity and a well-oiled tongue, and both she and the sailor seemed intent upon broadcasting their opinions loud enough for us to hear them quite clearly. I tried to ignore what I expected would be of no interest to me, but sure enough, I couldn't follow through with that intention because the woman, who was a Bostonian, kept pumping the sailor about his experiences.

It developed that he had at one time been a photographer's model, and the woman wanted to know if he had been approached by *homosexuals* (now I am listening very attentively), and did they want money. He said he had been approached, but he was offered money, not asked for it. She said, "I wonder what queers are after. Do you think it's money?" The young man wasn't sure about that, but he was sure that he didn't want to have any homosexual involvement in his own life. The woman added, "We have a queer in our state government. Elaine Noble told us herself that she was queer. I would rather have her come right out

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So, there I was, at Mother's, trying to read *Newsday* (Long Island's very fine local paper) and cut out bits of gay content. Mother would spirit away the day's paper in the evening and hand it back to me the following morning. I felt rather like a double-agent and Mother was my contact person.

father etc.", but began instead "Beloved brother of --- and uncle of ---". All this made me think *GAY!* and then "Beloved friend of ---" clinched it.

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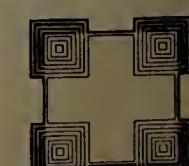
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Text of Speech by Kay Whitlock

The following speech was given by Kay Whitlock, Chair of the National Organization for Women Lesbian Rights Committee, at the Gay & Lesbian Pride Rally, June 25, 1978, in New York City.

Today I am here on behalf of the tens of thousands of NOW members in hundreds of NOW chapters across the nation.

I am here to say that the National Organization for Women — the largest feminist organization in the world — stands firm in its demand for full human rights for lesbians and gay men.

I am here to say that NOW is proud to be a visible, politically active witness against the cheap political opportunism of unprincipled demagogues — symbolized by California State Senator John Briggs — who foster and exploit the sexist fears and myths and stereotypes surrounding lesbians and gay men and our struggle for those rights.

I am here to say that NOW will continue to work ceaselessly, in every possible area, to counter the bigotry, the ignorance, the lies, being promoted by the hypocritical, prating, self-styled anti-lesbian/anti-gay "moralists" who would have this country repudiate the principles on which it was founded by making the granting or denial of basic civil liberties and Constitutional rights dependent upon a particularly repugnant, particularly vicious version of a popularity contest.

As I speak to you this weekend in New York, NOW President Eleanor Smeal is speaking in San Francisco, making sure that this country, that the world, knows that NOW believes unequivocally that human rights are indivisible; that NOW's determination to confront this neo-fascist anti-gay rights crusade has not wavered in the wake of Dade County, Wichita, St. Paul, Eugene — or in anticipation of the struggles ahead.

If anything, we grow angrier, we

grow stronger, we work harder to confront and expose the opposition; to continue long-term educational efforts; to do whatever is necessary to stop this present-day witch-hunt and to make certain that lesbian and gay rights are secured and guaranteed. NOW does not engage in struggles that we do not ultimately intend to win.

All of us here today have a common political enemy. It is that slick, well-funded, well-organized political machine of repression known as the New Right. The New Right is racist, it is sexist, it is anti-labor and pro-big business. It pursues its reactionary agenda aggressively, and we are among its targets.

The playwright Lillian Hellman once wrote of a time that is similar to today's climate — the "scoundrel time," she called it. Then it took the form and name of McCarthyism. But the dynamics of witch-hunts and of repression are always the same. And of that previous time of scoundrels,

"Truth," said Lillian Hellman, "made you a traitor, as it often does, in a time of scoundrels."

Hellman wrote:

It was not the first time in history that the confusions of honest people were picked up in space by cheap baddies who, hearing a few bars of popular notes, made them into an opera of public disorder, staged and sung, as much of the congressional testimony shows, in the wards of an insane asylum...

A theme is always necessary, a plain, simple, unadorned theme to confuse the ignorant...

These words haunt me today. They describe our present time so well.

But scoundrels prevail only when

they have intimidated their opposition: not only when they have frightened their intended victims into submission.

Our opponents may not have the luxury of our silence.

The struggle will be difficult. "Truth," said Lillian Hellman, "made you a traitor, as it often does, in a time of scoundrels."

Yet you, by your presence here, do not fear speaking truth. We in NOW do not fear speaking truth. That voice of truth, the voice which speaks of justice, of freedom, must thunder throughout the land.

And it must never stop.

Vacation

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with it. Yes, our government is run by queers and prostitutes."

Then the sailor said something that made me want to write this, and probably other articles more to the point and politically oriented. He said "I wish they would liberalize the law for gays, if only to get them off our backs." OK, friends, there it is.

I missed the Gay Pride March this year, and I felt very bad about that. I don't know what was said or done or who was present. I do know, however, that things have not gone well at all in this past year for us in the political arena, but that's what it is, an arena, a place in which battles, sometimes to the death, are fought. And we are all engaged in a battle, a battle for "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," and if the only way to get it is to keep on people's backs, then that is what we have to do.

That sailor seemed to be a reasonable man, and his opinion probably reflects the thinking of a large number of other people. Though it would be better to have people grant us our rights because they see that our cause is just, it is still a good idea to pound away at them with our protests, demonstrations, and above all talk and writing in all the media.

If we are to succeed in making our lifestyle a non-issue, we must first raise the issue on every front, in every way. We must deluge the public with our demands for justice and freedom, and if we cannot win people over to our way of thinking, perhaps we can just wear them down enough to let us be. The one thing we must not do, despite political defeats and the ravings of bigots, is go back into the closet. We must never lie down and play dead — never, never, never.

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Help Me Rondelet

Rondelet: Scenes of Seduction, an adaptation of a play by Arthur Schnitzler. Directed by Esquire Jauchem at the Boston Repertory Theatre.

Reviewed by Gregg Howe

Rondelet: Scenes of Seduction is one more example of the effort to use sex as titillation while claiming it is exploring the complex dynamics of interpersonal relationships.

The play is a series of eight scenes. The press release states that, "the seducer in one scene becomes the seduced in the next with humorous and revealing results." Unfortunately for the audience, the results are rarely humorous and never revealing.

Under Esquire Jauchem's direction we have a slick "disco" production. The stage itself revolves, mirrors and colored lights flashing, each character purchasing a ticket before they begin their jaunt at this carnival. The play is obviously cyclical: the prostitute at the

disco motif is a constant throughout the production. In each scene the consummation of the tryst is performed with low lights, occasional



photo by Roger D. Farrington

Sharon Hope as the Poet points to the nose of the Actress, played by Jenifer Gibson

Times may be tough, but rarely do you gain support in the legitimate theatre by trying to give the public what they can watch on television.

play's beginning reappears at the production's end signifying the completion of the circle. As to why we have this circle, I would not even venture to guess.

flashes of color and loud music. Everything from *The Theme from Rocky* to Liza Minelli's recording of *Say Yes* provides the background to the erotic, abstract coupling of the two

individuals concerned. The choreography and special effects of these eight instances are repetitious and ostentatious; their only allure is who will be nude and how much will the audience really be able to see.

Two of the eight scenes deal with (yes—it is 1978) homosexuality. We have the husband playing around with the hustler who, you guessed it, "doesn't usually do this sort of thing." Also there is the actress, gladly being seduced by the female poet. All four of these characters are also shown in a heterosexual liaison; thus we know they are really all right and very "chic."

The only redeeming aspect of an otherwise predictable evening are the four performers themselves. Jenifer Gibson and Ted Reinstein give the highly polished performances that sophisticated comedy requires. Unfortunately the material did not merit the effort these two lavished on it. David Zucker and Sharon Hope were adequate but both at times appeared self-conscious about what they were doing — certainly a possibility in the circum-



David Zucker and Tim Reinstein in a scene from *Rondelet*

stances.

It is a shame that the Boston Rep. produced this travesty. Times may be tough, but rarely do you gain support in the legitimate theatre by trying to give the public what they can watch on television. If you think *Three's Company* is worth paying to see, you won't be disappointed by *Rondelet: Scenes of Seduction*.

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By Lee Stone

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Topsfield Fairgrounds in Topsfield, Mass., is hosting over 300 craftspeople for their second annual Northeast Crafts Expedition. Boston's own **Roger Reed** (Roger the Jester) will be among the many performers scheduled for the delight of children and their parents during the course of the event filled day. Roger will be performing his mime and juggling act which has

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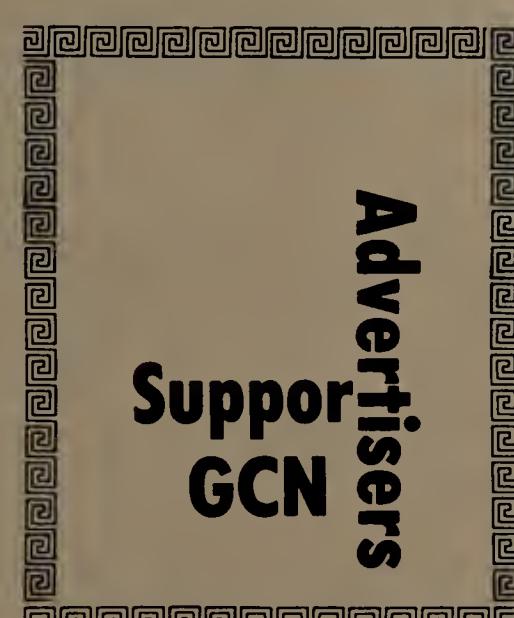


Jester Roger Reed

Ben Bagley's Decline and Fall Of The Entire World As Seen Through The Eyes Of Cole Porter has opened at the Charles Playhouse. The revue includes two hours of Porter's lesser known songs, including the beautiful *Wake Up and Dream* and the witty ditty *Pets*. The company performing the show is generally competent, with an outstanding Cole Porter leading man, **Albert Cremin**, and the beautiful voice of **Linda Terry**. Curtain times are Wednesday Thursday and Friday at

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Linda Terry, Barbara Kennedy and Christen Carlson in the Cole Porter revue at the Charles Playhouse

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CALENDAR

The deadline for Calendar Items is Wednesday at noon for the following issue.

1 sat

Cambridge — Women Against Violence Against Women Rally to protest the corporate promotion of rape and battery (Warner, Elektra and Atlantic Records). 1pm at Strawberries in Harvard Sq.

Washington, DC — The Celluloid Closet: *The Fox*. 8pm. The American Film Institute, Kennedy Center

Jamesville, NY — 4th Annual Gey Pride Field Day. Featuring Crenberry Lake, Camp Brockway, Pratts Fell Park. \$2.50 donation. Sponsored by the Onondaga County Human Rights Coalition. Info: (315) 475-6857.

2 sun

Boston — No BUUGL meeting.

Cambridge — Closet Space (WCAS 740am). A Cuban gay man, Enrique Alvaras, talks about his life in Cuba and Cuban attitudes toward homosexuality. 9am.

Boston — The Oracle: Poetry and Fiction Workshop. Guest reading at Stone Soup. 8:30pm. 313 Cambridge St. 50¢ donation.

3 mon

Washington, DC — The Celluloid Closet: *Some Of My Best Friends Are...* 8:30pm, the American Film Institute, Kennedy Center.

Boston — OUT HERE: Social Program for Gay Youth-July 4th Party! All gay youth welcome. 7pm. Arlington St. Church.

4 tues

Framingham — Lambda of Middlesex. Cook-out Celebration. 2pm. Info: 877-8550.

5 wed

Cambridge — Open House at the Women's Community Health Center. 5:30pm. 639 Mass. ave. Rm. 210. Info: 547-2302.

6 thurs

Cambridge — Gay Folk Dancing. 6:30pm. Phillips Brooks House, 3rd floor, Harvard Univ.

Washington, DC — The Celluloid Closet: *To An Unknown God*. 9pm, The American Film Institute, Kennedy Center.

NYC — Salsa/Soul Third World Women. Topic: *Long Term Relationships*. Washington Sq. Methodist Church, 133 W. 4th St. Info: (212) 799-8243.

NYC — National Gey Task Force, Women's Volunteer Night. 6-9pm. 80 Fifth Ave. Info: (212) 741-1010.

7 fri

Portland, OR — 2nd Annual Northwest Women's Music Festival. Open to women and children and is designed to show the depth and strength of women's culture. Concerts, workshops and dance. Contact Carole Jackson, P.O. Box 20472, Portland, OR. 97220.

8 sat

Cambridge — Women Against Violence Against Women Demonstration to protest the corporate promotion of rape and battery. (Warner, Elektra and Atlantic Records). 1pm at the Harvard Coop, Palmer St. entrance.

9 sun

Boston — Unitarian Geys. *Freeing Ourselves: Whatever Happened to Gay Liberation?* 7pm. 355 Boylston St.

Fremingham — Lambda of Middlesex. 11am. Trip to Ashland State Park. Info: 877-8550.

Mt. Desert Island, ME — Gay Mountain Climb! Up Mt. Penobscot. Meet at 10:30am at Jordon Pond Hse, Seal Harbor Rd. (Maine). Info: (617) 227-6167.

Washington, DC — National ERA March for Extension and Ratification. Assemble at 11am at the 14th St. end of the Mall. Rally at the Capitol following the march. Participants are requested to dress in white. Coordinated by the National Organization for Women. Info: (202) 737-2295.

10 mon

NYC — Dykes & Tykes meeting. All women welcome and needed! 7:30pm, 110 E. 23rd St. (near Park Ave.)

NYC — All The Queens Women Young Adults Rap, for high school juniors and seniors. \$1. 7:30pm, 23 164th St., Flushing. Info: (212) 359-9204.

11 tues

NYC — West Side Discussion Group. *Working for Gay Rights: The Role of Media*. 8:30pm. Triangle Gay Community Center, 3rd floor, 26 Ninth Ave. at 14th St.

Boston — Feminist Therapy Collective: Women Questioning, Exploring or Changing their Sexual Identity, a course offered at Womanspace. 8 wks. 837 Beacon St., Kenmore Sq. Info: 267-7992. 7:30pm.

12 wed

Boston — Lesbian Support Group at Womanspace. 8 sessions, 6:30-9pm. Sponsored by the Feminist Therapy Collective. Info: 287-7992.

Boston — Clearspace: Men's concerns committee meeting. 7:30pm. 103 Charles St. No. 2.

13 thurs

NYC — Salsa/Soul Third World Women. Topic: *What Happened to Fem? Coming Out*. Washington Sq. Methodist Church, 133 W. 4th St. Info: (212) 799-8243.

Boston — Camille Norton will read poetry at the Cafe Gallery, 73 Dartmouth St., South End. 8pm.

14 fri

Boston — Clearspace: Women's concerns meeting. 6:30pm. Info: 846-8598.

Boston — Gay Mountain Climb up Mt. Osceola, Livermore, NH. Meet at the Boston Commons at Charles and Beacon Sts. 7am. Or 10am at the base at Tripoli Rd. Info: (603) 883-5583.

15 sun

Boston — The Boston Men's Center is organizing men's groups for consciousness-raising and role examination. 7pm. Campus Free College, 14 Beacon St.

NYC — Gey People in Health Cere, July meeting. 7:30pm, 74 Grove St. Rm. 2RW.

16 tues

NYC — "How to Succeed In Business Without Being Straight." 8:30pm. West Side Discussion Group. Triangle Gay Community Center, 3rd floor, 26 Ninth Ave. at 14th St.

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